

An act For the Better Ordering and Governing of negro Slaves  
Whereas heretofore many good Lawes and ordinances have beene made for the  
governing Regulating and ordering the Slaves in the Island and sundry Punishments  
appointed for many their misdoings, and Crimes and offences which yett hath not  
with the Effect hath beene desired and might have reasonably beene Expected had  
the masters of Families and other the Inhabitants of this Island beene so farre  
of their Obedience and Compliance with the said Lawes as they ought to have  
been and those former Lawes being in many places Imperfect and not fully  
Comprehending the true Constitution of this government in Relation to these Slaves  
Especially the negroes being a heathenish Perverse and an uncertaine and dangerous  
Kind of People to whom <sup>it</sup> Officely in any thing we may attend the Legislative  
Power given by Provisionary Lawes for the benefit and good of this Island, not being  
Contradictory to the Lawes of England, there being in the body of that Law no  
Track to guide us where to walke nor any Exact Rule set us how to govern these  
Slaves as we have or as negroes are yett we doe know by the right Rule  
of Reason and order we are not to Load them to the arbitrary Cruel and out  
rageous use of every Evill disposed person, but soe farre to Protect them, as we  
doe other mens goods and Chattels & give advice some what further as being Christian  
men though without the Knowledge of god in the world, we have therefore  
upon mature and serious consideration of the Premises thought fit to order  
and provide whatsoever we have found necessary and usefull in the Lawes of  
England concerning the Governing and ordering of Slaves and to add therunto  
sure further Lawes and Ordinances as at this tyme we thinke absolutely  
usefull for the Publique safety and may growe for the future behoovefull  
to the Peace and Utility of this Island and it therfore Enacted and ordained  
and Published and it is by the good Councell and Assembly of this Island  
and by the Authority of the same Enacted ordayned and Published,

That noe master or mistress Command or overseer of any Family within this  
Island shall give to his Slaves leave on Sundayes holy dayes or in the night tyme  
to goe out of their plantations (except such Slaves as usually waite upon their  
at home and abroad) without tickets and his masters or mistresses Command  
or Overseers hand, the said tickets specifying the tyme of his or her  
Comming

Coming from the Plantation and the same allowed for his or her Returns, nor at  
other tyme on working days above Towre mill from their said Plantation without his  
his ticket upon Pain of Imprisonment for Every Slave so permitted to goe abroad without  
the aforesaid ticket one pound shillings halfe of the said forfeitures to bee to the Informer  
and the other halfe to the Churchwardens to bee disposed of all directed in the act  
for maintenance of ministers and if any matter well command or otherwise of  
a Plantation shall finde any Slave or Slaves on their Plantation on Sundayes  
or in the night tyme or at any tyme Towre mill from their Plantation on any  
afternoon Expressing the business from his said master and doe not Endeavour to  
apprehend them or apprehend them shall not punish them by a moderate whipping  
shall forfeit one pound shillings to bee disposed of as aforesaid the said Penalties  
are returned before any one Justice of the Peace of that parish where any such  
Default shall bee made who is hereby authorized and Required upon any matter  
Examined upon oath to heare and determine the same and by warrant under his  
Directed to the Constable to cause the said Penalty to bee Levied as in Case of Sundry  
wages the Constables to receive for his Rates as in the act of Servants is appointed

And it is further Enacted and ordayned by the authority aforesaid that if any Slave or  
man or woman shall offer any Violence to any white Christian as by striking or  
the like his Slave shall for his or her first offence by information given to the  
next Justice bee severely whipped by the Constables by order of the next Justice for  
the second offence in that behalf by order of the Justice of the Peace hee shall bee  
severely whipped his nose slit and bee burned in some parte of the Face for the  
third offence hee shall receive by order of the Governour and Councill such greater  
corporall Punishment as they shall thinke meete to inflict Provided alwayes that  
such striking or Conflict bee not in the lawfull defence of their masters  
or owners of their families or of their goods

And it is further Enacted ordayned and Published by the Authority aforesaid that  
the Slaves shall have Cloathes to Cover their nakedness once Every year that  
it to say drawers and Capps for men and Petticoates for women

And it being taken into consideration by the Governour Councill and assembly that  
negroes though they are Slaves and bought as goods and chattels yett are they  
Reasonable Creatures and Capable of being taught the Principles of Religion  
and that wee ought to Endeavour the making of them Christian the more  
to advance the glory of god and by that Doctrines to Civillize and send them more  
to our service and interest as wee see our neightbour the Spaniards and other  
nations doe who notwithstanding keeppe them as Slaves and finding that some  
baptized and made Christian they love their masters with more fidelity and  
Respect and are there fore treated by them with more humillity and Justice  
and being also Turkes considered that here is needfull of extraordinary  
means to keeppe the negroes Faithfull and dutifull because the Island is  
soe vast and hath soe many Cowards and Conscienceless to find themselves  
and goe drictuall whereby they may bee easily induced to Runn away  
but hardly retaken and also that in a small tyme here will bee great  
number of negroes that may mutiny disturb and endanger the publique  
Peace and safety of the Island if not provided for the soeance Consideration  
aforesaid the Governour Councill and Gen<sup>t</sup> of the assembly doe hereby

Recommended to all the Inhabitants of this Island the Earl and Endeavour to instruct  
their Slaves Especially the young or Sotke in the Christian Religion and doe Enact  
and ordaine as hereby it is Enacted and ordayned by the authority aforesaid that all  
negroes Lawfully bought or bound Slaves shall here continue to be soe, and  
Turkes bee here adjudged and taken to be goods and Chattels and ought to come  
to the hands of Executors and adme as other and it doe their Christianity or any  
Law Customs or Ordayne in Engl or oie wher to the contrary notwithstanding

And whereas the Inhabitants of this Island doe much Suffer by the running away  
of their Slaves and by the frequent Looping of their Runnaway or Tugatives  
Slaves by Sea or over yppon in their plantations it is hereby Enacted Published and  
Ordayned by the authority aforesaid that all yppon who are now possessed of any Tugative  
or runnaway Slaves doe within sixe dayes laston the Publication of this Act Except the  
Inhabitants of the north side who are allowed thirty dayes bring them in and deliver  
them to their owners If they know them or into the custody of the next Neighbour or goale  
or next to the Plantation where such Slave or Slaves soe are apprehended upon  
Paine of Paying one hundred pounds Stere for damages unto the owners of the said  
Slave to be by the sd owners recovered in any Court of record within this Island  
by action of debt or information in which noe Special Protection Injunction or  
wager of Law shall beo yppon or allowed and If any Christian Servant soe  
possessed of any Slave or Slaves not acquainting his master thereof doe feyde or  
neglect to bring them in within the tyme aforesaid Limited as is before Enjoynd  
the said Servant shall findiately upon Conviction thereof Receive thirty nine  
Leshes upon his naked back by order of the next Justice of the peace to be soe sent  
or the Common Executioner and after the Expiration of the tyme of Service shall  
serve the owner of the said Slave or Slaves the full terme and space of seven  
years and Record thereof to be made by the Justice before whom such Conviction  
shall beo had and beo a Turke Enacted by the authority aforesaid that whosoever  
hereafter shall take upp any Runnaway Slave or Slaves that run yppon or  
yppon shall within one and twenty dayes after bring the said Runnawayes to his  
or their proper owners (If they know him) and receive for their pains twelve  
Pence yppon mile for the first full mile and sixe Pence yppon mile for every  
more provided it exceed not forty shillings in the whole and If they doe not know him  
then to the next Neighbour or goale as aforesaid upon Paine of forfeiture for every  
day hee shall keep the said Slave or Slaves beyond the sd one and twenty dayes (and whether  
beo convicted by Confession or otherwise) the summe of twenty pounds Stere to be  
Loughed by the Sherriff or his deputy by order from the Court for the tyme being  
upon the person whoe neglecting to bring the said Runnaway upon his Lawd goods or  
Chattels the one halfe thereof to be to the owner of the said Slave or Slaves and  
the other to him or them that shall inform thereof, out of which the sd Informer  
shall beo deducted and If the said person or persons informing beo servant  
or servants to the party soe deteyning the sd Slave or Slaves that then the said  
yppon or yppons soe informing shall beo from henceforth absolutely Free and  
Clear from his Service any Indenture or Ordayne to the contrary notwithstanding  
and whosoever shall work the said Slave or Slaves during the aforesaid  
One and twenty dayes shall Receive Twenty Pounds Stere to beo paid  
and Recovered as aforesaid

And it is further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that it shall and may be lawful for the said Majesty to detain and keep in custody the bodies of all runaways who are brought unto him until the owners of them or their assigns shall pay unto him the full sum of what hee shall pay for them with two shillings and six pence laying out the money and alsoe his pence & more for every twenty Towne hours the said Traytives shall have in his custody Provided always that the Rownt in shall see furnish the said negre with sufficient food and drink as Potatoes Yams Cassava Plantines and water and it is further Enacted and ordaind by the authority aforesaid that if any of the said Slaves shall goe for want of food and dry and convenient Lodging the said Majesty shall be Responsible Thereto to the owner or his assigns and if the said Majesty shall suffer any Slave to Escape before hee has duly delivord to the owner or assigns then the said Majesty shall pay unto the owner of the said Slave as hee shall bee founde to bee worth by the Governour and Councill for the tyme being or by verdict of a Jury at Common Law /

And further it is Enacted and ordaind by the authority aforesaid that all Sure Persons as shall apprehend and bring any runnaway to any Majesty for the tyme being or to the prison shall upon such bringing downe said Runnaway Slave deliver unto the Majesty if hee shall receive the consideration before appointed an atto of his owne name and abode place of a boord with the tyme when and Place where hee apprehended said Traytive Slave where the said Majesty is hereby required to take and Enter in to his booke to the intent that the Owners of Slaves may come to the right knowledge and understanding when the Slaves were apprehended and by whom and whether they might lawfully be taken up or not and that the Keeper of the prison at the delivery of any Slave doe take a receipt of the person to whom delivord and therein insert the name or description of the negre delivord any Bribe or Customs to the contrary hereto forb had in any wise notwithstanding /

And it is further Enacted and Published by the authority aforesaid that Every owner of a family in this Island shall cause all his Slave hounds to bee tokene diligently and Effectually once Every Threemonths days for stubble wooden swords and miscellaneous weapons and finding them to take them away and cause them to bee burnt /

It is alsoe for leather goods or any other things and commodities particularly supple flock that is not given them by their masters in command or owners and when they come by and in whose custody they finde any thing of that kinde suspected or to bee stolen goods the same they shall seize and take into their custody and after an ample description of the particulars thereof in writing within six dayes after the discovery thereof is done to the Clerke of the parish or church of the Court of the precinct for the tyme being who is hereby Required to Possesse the same and Enter upon the date of his Receipt and the particulars hee see and keeps to himselfe but to seth up upon the post of the Church door or Court house at short Breife that such lost goods are found whereby any person that hath lost his goods may the Better come to the knowledge

where it is by further Enquiry of the Clerk who is not to show the (111) - ~~111~~ until  
the party Enquiring for stolen goods shall first declare what he hath Lost and  
give the description thereof and pay him twelve pence for the same by writ  
if the said Clerk shall be convinced that any part of the goods appertain to  
the party Enquiring he is to direct the said party Enquiring to the said Peace and  
then where the goods be who is hereby Required to make restitution of what is in being  
to the true owner upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of two pounds Stere for every  
neglect by the owner, or to take as a forsworn in any of the particulars to be  
found upon their goods and still for the breach of either of these two Last  
Clauses in this Statute by Precept or warrant from the Judge or Justice before  
whom the conviction shall be had the one halfe of the Forfeiture aforesaid  
to goe to the Churchwardens of the respective parishes to be disposed of as  
aforesaid in the act For maintenance of ministers and the other halfe to the  
Person that shall performe,

And that all other Slaues Likewise may Receive encouragement to take up  
Tugatives and Runnaway Slaues it is further ordaind and enacted by the authority  
aforesaid that whatsoever Slaue shall at any tyme of his owne accord take up  
any Runnaway Slaue that hath bene out a Good twelve month shall have  
for his soe doing two pound Stere to be payd by the owner of the said runnaway  
him within one month after notice during which tyme the matter of the Slaue  
that took up such runnaway hath power to keepe him for the purpose aforesaid  
but if the owner of the said Runnaway Slaue will not or doeth not Redeem him  
within the said tyme then the matter in whome Custody he is hath hereby  
Power to take the aforesaid Tugative or Runnaway Slaue and to receive two pound  
Stere for himselfe for his Slaue and the rest to returne to the master of the Slaue  
to be taken up, and whosoever shall deprive or detaine any Slaue that hath soe  
taken up any Tugative of the Poene or Reward given him by this Law  
for soe doing shall Forfeit six pound Stere and third to the Churchwardens  
to be disposed of as aforesaid and third to the informer, and one third to the Slaue  
soe wrongd which gift and Forfeiture shall be Justly Employed by the master  
of the Slaue in Cloathes for the said Slaue to wear with a Badge of a Red  
Cross on his arme whereby he may be known and punished by all good people  
for his good service to the Country, the aforesaid Forfeitures to be Recovered  
by him that shall sue for it in any Court of Record by action of Debt or Informacion  
in which no Eloms Protection Injunction or waige of Law shall be allowed,

And wheras Divers Evil disposed People have heretofore attempted to Steale  
away Slaues by Spurious Promises and Promising them Freedoms in another  
Country against their own Conscience and without any Punishment suitable hath yet  
bene Provided, Therefore it is hereby enacted and ordaind by the authority aforesaid  
that what person whatsoever shall directly or indirectly at any tyme after  
Publication hereof tempt or persuade any negroe to leave their master or  
mistresse service to whom they are Slaues out of an intent or designe to  
Carry away any of them out of this Island or howsoever to deface their id  
master or mistress of them and bee hereof convicted by their owne confession  
or the oafe of one Credible witness or by the confession of such Slaue or  
Slaues.

Slaves with Reasonable Circumstances concurring shall be by the Governor or  
Judge for the time being or by any Judge of record or the Justices of the Peace  
in open Sessions adjudged to pay to the master of the said Slave or Slaves double  
Costs due by precept or warrant from the said Governor, Judge or Justices  
whom the execution is made to be conveyed upon the good Land or Chattel of the  
offending by way of distress and sale of the same by such execution to whom such  
warrant shall be directed and delivered to the party aggrieved by way of Damage and  
Surplusage (if any be) shall be delivered to the owner and in case the party offending  
shall not be found with Land goods or Chattel to the value aforesaid then shall  
the said Governor, Judge or Justices adjudge him servant to the party Injured for  
seven years and so deliver him over to him and make record thereof and if  
offender shall be a servant at the time of his execution then shall he receive  
such Corporal Punishment as the said Judge Governor or Justices shall appoint  
and shall be liable to serve the said Injured person seven years immediately  
after the expiration of his time with his Trait master but if any man shall  
tempt and practice with any Slave and then actually be tempted (having  
Stoles convey Carry or lend of the Slave) and be afterward apprehended in  
the Slave for the same he shall be adjudged a T felon without the benefit  
of the Clergy

And whereas many heinous and heinous Crimes as murder Burglary and robbery  
upon the high way burning of houses or lands be many times committed by Slaves  
which offenders for danger of the State are not long to be imprisoned and being  
British Slaves diverse not for the benefit of these Conditions to be tried by the  
Legal trial of twelve of their peers or next of kin (which neither truly  
be Rightly done) as the freedom of England and nor is Execution to be delayed  
towards them in case of such heinous Crimes committed it is therefore enacted  
Ordained and Published by the Governor Council and assembly and by the  
authority of the same that when any such Crimes as aforesaid shall be committed  
by any Slave or Slaves and the said Criminals be apprehended and brought  
before any two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the Island the  
Justices before whom the Criminals are brought shall take Security for their  
good Behaviour or send them to prison and with all convenient speed  
shall by their warrant or precept call to them three able good and Legal  
Freeholders of the place next where the said Crime was committed and  
True upon Oath the two Justices and the three Freeholders being first sworn  
to judge Rightly shall hear and examine all Evidence proofs and testimony  
of the Fact committed and if they shall find such Slave or Slaves guilty they  
shall give Sentence of death upon him or them, if the Crime by Law doth  
the same or such other Punishment as they do diverse and forthwith by their  
warrant cause Execution to be done upon such Slave or Slaves by the Sheriff  
Executioner or by what other Executioner can be gott Slave or other, and  
it is further provided that if any Freeholders shall make default to appear  
upon such Summons before the Justices as is before mentioned, or appearing

Refuse to Joyn with them as before is appointed and doe them no good (112) (112)  
Default is doe approved by the sayd Justice that then the aforesaid Justice may do a fine  
upon him of five Pounds sterlin and forthwith by their warrant or precept to the  
Constable or what Constables they shall thinke fitt to levy the same upon the aforesaid  
freeholders his goods or Chattels accordingly should always notwithstanding that the  
Party Defendant and the Value of twelve pence and all such Exors and murtherers  
shall bee heard and Determined by the matter of the Law or Lawes Committing the  
same upon the Plainte of the party Injured, but of such matter shall not give sur-  
Punishment to such Law in the presence of the Compt to his Satisfaction the party  
Injured shall carry his Compt to the next Justice of the peace who is hereby required  
and authorized to heare the same, and upon Conviction by Confession without  
or oath of the party Injured to inflict such Corporall Penalties and Punishments  
not Injurious to Life Limb or member as hee in his Discretion shall Judge fitt  
and Reasonable,

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And whereas Scandallous Perty Grievous and trespasses are daily committed by  
Slaves as in maiming one another Killing of horses or cattell and Stealing of  
hogs of other more and divers other of like nature which would bee tedious  
and chargeable to take the ordinary courses of Justice against them for the man-  
Spedy Provisions therein For the future, Doe it Enacted and ordained by the  
authority aforesaid that upon Compt made to any of his majestys Justices of  
Peace dwelling in the Parish wherein the offence is committed, the sayd Justice  
shall Issue his warrant for the apprehending the Slave or Slaves complained off  
and for all persons that shall give Evidence against them, and if upon examination  
it doth probably appear that the sayd Slave or Slaves are guilty of the Crimes  
Complained of, then the sayd Justice is to Certifie the same to the Justice dwelling  
next to him and to desire him by vertue of this act to attorne himselfe to him  
which said Justice is hereby Required on due oaths to doe and both of them doe  
attorned and to Issue out their Summons to the said Freeholders of the said parish  
whom the fact complained of was committed acquainting them with the same  
appointing them a day hours and Place where and when and where the same shall  
bee heard and Determined by the Judgment of the said Freeholders and themselves  
or the major parte of them at what day hours and place the said Justice and Freeholders  
shall require and cause all the sayd offenders and Evidence against them to bee produced  
And if they shall upon the sayd Evidence or Confession of the sayd offenders or offenders  
adjudge them guilty of the Fact complained of they shall then Condemne the  
Owner or owners of the sayd offender or offenders Respectively to make reparation  
and Satisfaction to the Complainant for the damage which hee hath received, which  
if the sayd owner or owners shall refuse to make according to his or their obligation by  
the sayd Justice and Freeholders or the major parte of them adjudged and appointed  
then in such Case the said offending Slave or Slaves belonging to such owner or owners  
so refusing shall first Rowne such Corporall Punishment as the sayd Justice shall  
thinke fitt, and afterwards to the sayd Party Injured, to have and to hold the sayd  
Slave to him and his heirs for ever, and in case the sayd Justice or Freeholders  
or any or either of them shall neglect or Refuse to performe their duty in which by  
this act is required of them, they shall Severally for such their respective  
Defaultes Forfeit the Just quantity of Five Pounds sterlin one half so

our Sovereigne Lord the King his heirs and Successors and his other heirs to the party  
agreed off his three Provinces for the same in the Countie of his principall where  
the Taul is made or see where

And it is further Enacted Ordained and Published by the good shew of our said  
and by the authority of the same that if any person shall make intercession or use  
Rebellion against the said majesties authority and Compt or make opposition of  
arms Power Duress or offensive weapons or send any Council or Commission  
for raising mutinies or Rebellion in the Island at this time formerly attempted  
that for speedy remedy thereof the Governour of the Island or Superior officer for the  
time being shall appointe a Towrd officer and five Commission officers out of the  
Respective Regiments of the Island or any fower of them the Towrd officer to  
see to meet in Summe and proceed by in thair Law againt the actors Contrivours  
Raisors Tennentors and fowtollors of such mutiny and rebellion and them Punish  
by death or some other Punish as their Crimes shall deserve and as to the aforesaid  
Towrd officers Commission officers or any Towrd of them shall deserve more  
and that noe matter in Command or owners of a family should bee affrighted  
by feare of Loss to bear into and discower their ownes Slaves for any intended  
it is therefore Enacted and ordained that the Loss of Slaves Revolved in this Countie  
shall bee borne by the Publique and when the present Treasury is not sufficient  
to satisfy the Loss a Publique Levy shall bee plenty made upon the inhabitants  
for a Reparation of the same

And whereas divers Slaves at this present are and along time have bene runne  
into the woods and other Partes of the Island doe continually missewittfully to  
the Honour Inhabitants of the Island hid away somtymes in one place and some tyme  
in another soe that with much difficulty they are to bee found unless by some sudden  
attempt or surprize For it is therefore Ordained and Enacted that from and  
after Publication hereof it shall and may bee Lawfull for any Justice of the peace  
Constable or Capt of a Company within this Island that shall have any notice  
of the hidoness or hiding Place of any runn away Slave Tugator or out Law  
foris and arise any Number of men not exceeding twenty to apprehend and  
take them either alive or dead and for every Slave which they shall take alive  
having bene runn away from his master above six moneths they shall  
Receive Twelve pound Sterling from the owner master or Command of the  
Slaves but if killed they shall then receive Twelve pound Sterling from the  
Publique

And it is further Enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid that if any Slave  
and Punishment by his master or aid for running away or any other crime or  
misdemeanor towards his said master shall suffer in life or in member noe person  
shall bee accountable to any Law therefore But if any man shall of wantonness  
or only bloody minded or Cruel intention wilfully Kill a Slave of his ownes  
shall pay unto the King his heirs and Successors thirty Pound Sterling But if  
hee shall see Kill another mans hee shall pay unto the owner of the Slave  
Twenty pound Sterling and unto our Sovereigne Lord the King his heirs and Successors  
Twenty pound Sterling and hee shall further by the next Justice of the peace  
bee bound to the good behoove during the pleasure of the Governour and

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Counsell, and not to be given to any other Punishment or Forfeiture for the same -  
Neither shall he that sells another mans Slaves by agreement be liable to any other  
Penalty but the owners upon all Law, but if any Person shall make Transfers or other  
Person shall give a Slave by right out of the Roads or Common Path or Stealing  
his Execution Slaves or other goods, these shall not be acceptable for it, Any Law  
Statute or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding

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And to the intent it may be always certainly known what negroes are out in  
Rebellion against their owners and to the endangering the Publick Peace, it is by  
the authority aforesaid Enacted and ordained that all owners of Slaves within this  
Island doe within tenne dayes after the Publication hereof, send an account to the  
Justice for the tyme being what Slaves or Slaves hee hath had or runnaway and  
of the tyme they have beene gone with their marks and Seals and soe for the  
tyme to come within tenne dayes after any Slave shall abscond himselfe from his  
Service under Penalty of Paying tenne pounde Shillings the one halfe whereof to be to  
his Neighbours and the King his heires and Successors and the other halfe to the Informer  
that shall see for it in any Court of Record by action of Debt or information in  
which noe Writhe Protection Injunction or wago of Law shall be permitted  
or allowed

And be it further Enacted and ordained by the Authority aforesaid that the  
Justice shall at all tymes hereafter upon the Commitment of any negro or  
negroes to him or his deputyes Custodyes give notice by Certificate under his hand  
to be affixed upon Posts in the most Publick and open places at Ports Roy  
and St Katharines and there in the said Certificate give a description of the negroes  
marks and all other marks as hee shall learn how long the said negroes have  
been absent from their masters Plantations with their names that notice  
may be given to the Inhabitants of each parish of all such negroes and that  
upon neglect soe committed by the said Justice or his deputy or deputyes  
he or they shall forfeit the summe of five pounde Shillings for every such  
default as aforesaid to be Recovered in any Court of Record the one halfe to  
be paid to our Sovereign Lord the King his heires and Successors and the other  
halfe to the Complainant and the content the Justice or his deputy may the  
Justice know how to give notice to the Seawall owners of the said runnaway  
when brought unto him or to direct the person bringing them to his house or  
Plantation of the said owners, therefore every master or owner of negroes is hereby  
advised and desired unto the Justice of St Katharines and Ports Roy or their  
Deputyes the marks where with hee brands his negroes which the said Justice or  
his deputy is to enter into a booke together with the owners name and there  
keep it for the use aforesaid Recovering two shillings and noe more for  
every such Entry

And Lastly to the Intent that this Act and every Clause and Branch  
thereof may have full Execution and noe person plead Ignorance therein, it  
is Enacted and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that this act be read and  
Published in all the Respective Parrish Churches in this Island the first Sunday  
in March and in the first Sunday in September in every yeare Ensuing the date  
and first Publication thereof